

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 COPENH 01725 190924Z

20

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AID-05 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-07 FRB-03

INR-07 NSAE-00 USIA-06 TRSE-00 XMB-02 OPIC-03 SP-02

CIEP-01 LAB-04 SIL-01 OMB-01 NSC-05 SS-15 STR-04

CEA-01 L-03 H-02 DODE-00 PA-01 PRS-01 PM-03 SAM-01

/091 W

----- 095978

R 190835Z JUN 75

FM AEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1061

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY ROME

USMISSION OECD PARIS

USMISSION NATO

USMISSION EC BRUSSELS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE COPENHAGEN 1725

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EGEN, PFOR, EEC, DA

SUBJECT: BRITISH REFERENDUM STRENGTHENED DANISH POPULAR
SUPPORT OF EC MEMBERSHIP

REF: A. COPENHAGEN 1631, B. COPENHAGEN 1387

SUMMARY. A POLL TAKEN JUNE 12, ONE WEEK AFTER THE BRITISH
REFERENDUM, SHOWED POPULAR SUPPORT OF CONTINUED DANISH MEMBER-
SHIP OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITITES RISING SHARPLY TO 61 PERCENT

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 COPENH 01725 190924Z

FAVORABLE WITH ONLY 31 PERCENT OPPOSED. THE POLL RESULTS EXCEEDED

THE 57 - 33 PERCENT VOTE IN THE OCTOBER 1972 REFERENDUM WHICH CARRIED DENMARK INTO THE EC AND SHOWED MUCH STRONGER SUPPORT OF EC MEMBERSHIP THAN ANY POLL DURING THE INTERMEDIATE PERIOD. END SUMMARY.

1. IN THE WAKE OF THE SUCCESSFUL BRITISH REFERENDUM, A POLL TAKEN JUNE 12 BY THE VILSTRUP RESEARCH INSTITUTE (A GALLUP COMPETITOR) INDICATED THAT 61 PERCENT OF THE DANES WANTED DENMARK TO REMAIN AS A MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES. ONLY 31 PERCENT STILL PREFERRED DENMARK TO LEAVE THE EC, WHILE 8 PERCENT WERE UNDECIDED.

2. A SIMILAR POLL BY THE SAME INSTITUTE ONE YEAR AGO SHOWED ONLY 36 PERCENT FAVORING DANISH MEMBERSHIP WITH 47 PERCENT OPPOSED AND 17 PERCENT UNDECIDED. A GALLUP POLL IN APRIL THIS YEAR (REF B) AS WELL AS VILSTRUP POLLS ABOUT THE SAME TIME SHOWED ABOUT 40-40 BALANCE BETWEEN SUPPORTERS AND OPPONENTS BUT THE GALLUP POLL, ADDITIONALLY, INDICATED AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY AGAINST CONTINUED DANISH MEMBERSHIP SHOULD THE UK OPT OUT.

3. THE POSITIVE BRITISH REFERENDUM HAS APPARENTLY HAD A DECISIVE INFLUENCE IN RESTORING THE SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY SUPPORT OF DANISH MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC GIVEN BY THE 1972 DANISH REFERENDUM. DETAILS OF THE VILSTRUP POLL INDICATED, HOWEVER, LITTLE CHANGE AMONG ADVOCATES AND OPPONENTS WHEN REGISTERED BY POLITICAL AFFILIATION. THE LEFT-WING PARTIES (COMMUNISTS, LEFT SOCIALISTS AND PEOPLES' SOCIALISTS) AND THE JUSTICE (GEORGIST) PARTY REMAIN FIRMLY OPPOSED. THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS ARE DIVIDED, NOW WITH A SLIGHT MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF MEMBERSHIP, WHILE THE NON-SOCIALIST PARTIES STILL SHOW VERY SOLID MAJORITIES IN FAVOR OF EC MEMBERSHIP.

4. THE RESTORATION OF STRONG MAJORITY SUPPORT OF DANISH MEMBERSHIP OF THE EC SEEMS PRIMARILY A REFLECTION OF A MODERATED ATTITUDE AMONG ERSTWHILE EC OPPONENTS IN THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND RADICAL PARTIES.
DUNNIGAN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MEMBERSHIP, PUBLIC ATTITUDES, REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 19 JUN 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: buchandr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975COPENH01725
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750213-0847
From: COPENHAGEN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750631/aaaabcml.tel
Line Count: 98
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 COPENHAGEN 1631, 75 COPENHAGEN 1387
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: buchandr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16 APR 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <16 APR 2003 by ElyME>; APPROVED <30 SEP 2003 by buchandr>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: BRITISH REFERENDUM STRENGTHENED DANISH POPULAR SUPPORT OF EC MEMBERSHIP
TAGS: EGEN, PFOR, DA, EEC
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006